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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Box PATENT APPLICATION
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir/Madam:

Attached hereto are PTO-1449 forms listing documents believed relevant to the subject application. It is respectfully requested that these documents be considered by the Examiner and initialed copies of the PTO-1449 forms be returned to the undersigned.

It should be noted that the word "prior" has been deleted from the form.

It is believed that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and the Manual of Patent Examining Procedures

respectfully requested that the undersigned be called so that any deficiencies can be remedied.

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This application is a continuation-in-part that relies upon an earlier filing date from patent application serial no. 09/116,621, under 35 U.S.C. § 120. All of the references cited in the present application have already been cited in the parent application, with the exception of document numbers A32, A44, A54, A59, A61, A62, A64, B8, and B13. Thus, Applicant believes that under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), the copies of the previously cited references do not need to be provided herein because the Examiner can obtain the same from the parent file.

If, however, the Examiner would like copies of the previously cited references, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned for the same.

Copies of document numbers A32, A44, A54, A59, A61, A62, A64, B8, and B13 have been provided for the Examiner's review.

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These documents are not necessarily analogous.

Respectfully submitted,

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